

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Pub. L. 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board has been scheduled as follows.

DATES: 15 September 1997 (800 am to 1600 pm).

ADDRESSES: The Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. 20340-5100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maj Michael W. Lamb, USAF, Executive Secretary, DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board, Washington, D.C. 20340-1328 (202) 231-4930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in Section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code and therefore will be closed to the public. The Board will receive briefings on and discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, on related scientific and technical matters.

Dated: August 25, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Logistics Agency

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program Between the National Science Foundation and the Defense Manpower Data Center of the Department of Defense

AGENCY: Defense Manpower Data Center, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Proposed computer matching program between the National Science Foundation and the Defense Manpower Data Center of the Department of Defense (DoD).

SUMMARY: DMDC, as the matching agency under the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (5 U.S.C. 552a), is hereby giving constructive notice in lieu of direct notice to the record subjects of a proposed computer matching program between the National Science Foundation (NSF) and DMDC that their records are being matched by computer. The record subjects are delinquent debtors of the National Science Foundation, who are current or former Federal employees or military members

receiving Federal salary or benefit payments and indebted and delinquent in their payment of debts owed to the United States Government under certain programs administered by the National Science Foundation so as to permit the National Science Foundation to pursue and collect the debt by voluntary repayment or by administrative or salary offset procedures under the provisions of the Debt Collection Act of 1982.

DATES: This proposed action will become effective September 29, 1997, and the computer matching will proceed accordingly without further notice, unless comments are received which would result in a contrary determination or if the Office of Management and Budget or Congress objects thereto.

ADDRESSES: Any interested party may submit written comments to the Director, Defense Privacy Office, Crystal Mall 4, Room 920, 1941 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-4502. Telephone (703) 607-2943.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to subsection (o) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (5 U.S.C. 552a), the National Science Foundation and DMDC have concluded an agreement to conduct a computer matching program between the agencies. The purpose of the match is to exchange personal data between the agencies for debt collection from defaulters of obligations held by the National Science Foundation under the Debt Collection Act of 1982. The match will yield the identity and location of the debtors within the Federal government so that the Foundation can pursue recoupment of the debt by voluntary payment or by administrative or salary offset procedures. Computer matching appeared to be the most efficient and effective manner to accomplish this task with the least amount of intrusion of personal privacy of the individuals concerned. It was therefore concluded and agreed upon that computer matching would be the best and least obtrusive manner and choice for accomplishing this requirement.

A copy of the computer matching agreement between the National Science Foundation and DMDC is available to the public upon request. Requests should be submitted to the address caption above or to the Debt Management Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Set forth below is a public notice of the establishment of the computer matching program required by paragraph (e)(12) of the Privacy Act.

The matching agreement, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act, and an advance copy of this notice were submitted on August 15, 1997, to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget pursuant to paragraph 4d of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, 'Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records about Individuals,' dated February 8, 1996 (61 FR 6435, February 20, 1996). This matching program is subject to review by OMB and Congress and shall not become effective until that review period of 40 days has elapsed.

Dated: August 25, 1997.

L. M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

Computer Matching Program Between the National Science Foundation, and the Defense Manpower Data Center of the Department of Defense for Debt Collection

A. Participating agencies: Participants in this computer matching program are the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), Department of Defense (DoD). The National Science Foundation is the source agency, i.e., the agency disclosing the records for the purpose of the match. DMDC is the specific recipient or matching agency, i.e., the agency that actually performs the computer matching.

B. Purpose of the match: The purpose of the match is to identify and locate any matched Federal personnel, employed or retired, who owe delinquent debts to the Federal Government under certain programs administered by NSF. NSF will use this information to initiate independent collection of those debts under the provisions of the Debt Collection Act of 1982.

C. Authority for conducting the match: The legal authority for conducting the matching program is contained in the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Pub. L. 97-365), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-134, section 31001); 31 U.S.C. Chapter 37, Subchapter I (General) and Subchapter II (Claims of the United States Government), 31 U.S.C. 3711 Collection and Compromise, 31 U.S.C. 3716 Administrative Offset, 5 U.S.C. 5514, as amended, Installment Deduction for

Indebtedness (Salary Offset); 10 U.S.C. 136, as amended, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel Readiness; 10 U.S.C. 138, as amended, Assistant Secretaries of Defense; section 101(1) of Executive Order 12731; 4 CFR Ch. II, Federal Claims Collection Standards (General Accounting Office - Department of Justice); 5 CFR 550.1101 - 550.1108, Collection by Offset from Indebted Government Employees (OPM); 45 CFR part 607 (NSF).

D. *Records to be matched:* The systems of records maintained by the respective agencies under the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, from which records will be disclosed for the purpose of this computer match are as follows:

1. NSF will use personal data from the following Privacy Act record system for the match: NSF-57, 'Delinquent Debtors' File,' which was published in the **Federal Register** at 58 FR 33674 on June 18, 1993.

2. DOD will use personal data from the record system identified as S322.11 DMDC, entitled 'Federal Creditor Agency Debt Collection Data Base,' last published in the **Federal Register** at 61 FR 32779 on June 25, 1996.

The categories of records in the NSF record system are delinquent debtors. The categories of records in the DoD system consists of employment records of active and retired military members, including the Reserve and Guard, and the OPM government-wide Federal active and retired civilian records. Both record systems contain an appropriate routine use disclosure provision required by the Privacy Act permitting the disclosure of the affected personal information between the National Science Foundation and DoD. The routine uses are compatible with the purpose for collecting the information and establishing and maintaining the record systems.

E. *Description of computer matching program:* NSF, as the source agency, will provide DMDC with an electronic file containing the names and SSN of its delinquent debtors. Upon receipt of debtor accounts, DMDC will perform a computer match using all nine digits of the SSN of the NSF list against a DMDC computer database. The DMDC database, established under an interagency agreement between DOD, OPM, OMB, and the Department of the Treasury, consists of employment records of non-postal Federal employees and military members, active, and retired. Matching records ('hits'), based on the SSN, will produce the member's name, service or agency, category of employee, and current work or home

address. The hits or matches will be furnished to NSF. NSF is responsible for verifying and determining that the data on the DMDC reply hard copy list are consistent with NSF's source file and for resolving any discrepancies or inconsistencies on an individual basis. NSF will also be responsible for making final determinations as to positive identification, amount of indebtedness and recovery efforts as a result of the match.

F. *Individual notice and opportunity to contest:* Due process procedures will be provided by the NSF to those individuals matched (hits) consisting of the NSF's verification of debt; a minimum of 30-day written notice to the debtor explaining the debtor's rights; provision for debtor to examine and copy NSF's documentation of the debt; provision for debtor to seek the NSF's review of the debt (or in the case of the salary offset provision, opportunity for a hearing before an individual who is not under the supervision or control of the agency); and opportunity for the individual to enter into a written agreement satisfactory to the NSF for repayment. Only when all of the steps have been taken will the NSF disclose, pursuant to a routine use, to effect an administrative or salary offset. Unless the individual notifies the Foundation otherwise within 30 days from the date of the notice, NSF will conclude that the data provided to the individual is correct and will take the next necessary action to recoup the debt. Failure to respond to the notice will be construed as to the correctness of the notice and justification for taking the next step to collect the debt under the law.

G. *Inclusive dates of the matching program:* This computer matching program is subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget and Congress. If no objections are raised by either, and the mandatory 40 day public notice period for comment has expired for this **Federal Register** notice with no significant adverse public comments in receipt resulting in a contrary determination, then this computer matching program becomes effective and the respective agencies may begin the exchange of data 30 days after the date of this published notice at a mutually agreeable time and will be repeated on an annual basis, unless OMB or the National Science Foundation request a match twice a year. Under no circumstances shall the matching program be implemented before this 30 day public notice period for comment has elapsed as this time period cannot be waived. By agreement between the National Science

Foundation and DoD, the matching program will be in effect and continue for 18 months with an option to extend for 12 additional months unless one of the parties to the agreement advises the other by written request to terminate or modify the agreement.

H. *Address for receipt of public comments or inquiries:* Director, Defense Privacy Office, Crystal Mall 4, Room 920, 1941 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-4502. Telephone (703) 607-2943.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Technology Center; Notice of Inventions Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE), Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center hereby announces that the inventions listed below are available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207-209 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development. Foreign patents rights have been retained on selected inventions to extend market coverage and may also be available for licensing. A copy of issued patents may be obtained, for a modest fee, from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

ADDRESSES: Technology Transfer Program Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26505.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. Diane Manilla, Technology Transfer Program Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26505; Telephone (304) 285-4086; E-mail: RMANIL@FETC.DOE.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 35 U.S.C. 207 authorizes licensing of Government-owned inventions. Implementing regulations are contained in 37 CFR Part 404. 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1) authorizes exclusive licensing of Government-owned inventions under certain circumstances, provided that notice of the invention's availability for licensing has been announced in the **Federal Register**.